

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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IMPROVED ADHESION PRODUCED BY PARTIAL BURNOUT OF  
SURFACE POROGENS  
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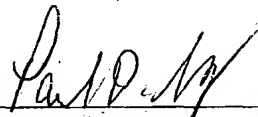
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Respectfully submitted,

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### U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,218,020	4/17/01	Hacker et al.	428	447	
	6,383,920	5/7/02	Wang et al.	438	639	

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	WO 00/31183	6/2/00	PCT			X	
	WO 00/40637	7/13/00	PCT			X	

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